

NIXON ORGANIZES BOARD OF EXPERTS TO AID CAMPAIGN

Will Be Guided on Major
Issues by Academic and
Business Consultants

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From campuses and corporations Vice President Nixon has mustered his version of a brain trust to help guide his Presidential campaign.

Mr. Nixon has assembled a personal advisory council of fourteen—six college professors, two deans, one university president, a former professor turned researcher, three business men and a banker.

This group will hold its first campaign conference with the Vice President tomorrow at a luncheon in the Mayflower Hotel. It is scheduled to reassemble periodically.

In addition to providing top-flight advice and counsel, the board will prepare "position papers" on major issues upon which Mr. Nixon may rely for background.

Of the six professors, three are from Harvard University, the alma mater of the Democratic Presidential candidate, Senator John F. Kennedy, which is providing much of his advisory staff.

An Executive Director

Two of the academic men are from the Middle West and one is from Mr. Nixon's home state of California. All the other advisers are Easterners.

Largely responsible for assembling the group has been James R. Shepley, chief of correspondents of Time magazine, who is now on leave to serve in the Vice President's political organization. He will act, in effect, as executive director of the council.

It is expected that the individual position papers will be assigned to the council member most familiar with the issue to be analyzed. Each is expected to use whatever personnel and research resources he has available.

Sees 'A Tight Race'

As the advisory council prepared to organize, Mr. Nixon's chief publicity aide reported that the Vice President believed he was catching up with Senator Kennedy.

Herbert G. Klein, the Vice President's press secretary, said that a visit Saturday night to Maine and week-end reports from other states had convinced Mr. Nixon that he had closed the gap considerably since the Republican convention.

Mr. Klein recalled that after his nomination the Vice President had expressed the opinion that he was beginning "from behind." As of today, Mr. Nixon

foresees "a very tight race" and "a nip-and-tuck contest," it was said.

As a result of this conviction, Mr. Klein explained, the Vice President is "re-evaluating" his plans for a New England campaign and planning several additional appearances there. His secretary represented Mr. Nixon as particularly pleased with the New England strength being demonstrated by his running-mate, Henry Cabot Lodge, the United States delegate to the United Nations.

Mr. Klein observed with satisfaction that a crowd estimated at 100,000 had seen the Vice President during his visit to Maine Saturday.

On Friday Mrs. Nixon will make her first solo flight as a campaigner this year. She will visit Meriden, Conn., for an outdoor Republican reception. Following her practice, the Vice President's wife does not expect to make a formal speech but will greet visitors.

Members of Council

Members of the new Nixon advisory group are:

Henry L. Ahlgren, chairman of the Department of Agronomy and associate director of the Agricultural Extension Service at the University of Wisconsin; Henry C. Alexander, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company and former vice chairman of the United Strategic Bombing Survey.

John E. Burchard, dean of the School of Humanities and Social Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Arthur F. Burns, professor of economics at Columbia University and former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

Paul C. Charrington, professor of government at Harvard University specializing in urban problems.

William Yandell Elliott, professor of government at Harvard University and a member of the planning board of the National Security Council.

Marion B. Folsom, former Secretary of Health, Education and welfare, now an official of the Eastman Kodak Company.

Lon L. Fuller, professor of jurisprudence at the Harvard Law School and the temporary chairman of the newly organized Scholars for Nixon.

John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State University and a former assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower.

John H. Heller, executive director of the New England Institute of Medical Research and a former professor at the Yale Medical School.

Joseph Kaplan, professor of physics at the University of California and chairman of the United States Committee for the International Geophysical Year.

Leonard A. Scheele, former Surgeon General of the United States and now a pharmaceutical corporation official.

Philip W. Thayer, dean of the School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University and a State Department adviser.

David Barnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America.

Among the topics on which the council expects to prepare papers are: Communism as an ideology, communism as a conspiracy, equality of rights and working opportunities, problems of the aging, metropolitan affairs, military policy, the emergent societies, American standards of culture, health and welfare and education.